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February 4, 2008

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Patrick Marsh, D.O. 10955 North Broadstone Drive Oro Valley, Arizona 85737

RE: Letter of Concern, Case No. 3764

Dear Dr. Marsh,

At their meeting on January 19, 2008, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") conducted an Investigative Hearing with you of the above-referenced complaint. Based on the information presented, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D) (2). The Board was concerned that your failure to do appropriate studies prior to initiating medication with patient S.C. and your inadequate record keeping could ultimately lead to violations of A.R.S. § 32-1854 (6) and (38) which state:

- (6) Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard;
- (38) Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855 (D) (3), the Board also mandated completion of twenty (20) hours of non-disciplinary continuing medical education in the area of record keeping to be completed within six (6) months of the date of this letter. Please be advised that this CME shall be in addition to that normally required and shall be approved by the Executive Director prior to completion.

The Letter of Concern is a non-disciplinary action that remains part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance. During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base or Health Care Integrity and Protection Databank. Based on the information presented, the Board found that there were no violations of state law or rule directly related to the complaint.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jack Confer Executive Director

Enclosures:

Letter of Concern and CME, Case#3764

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